

PATENT OFFICE MODELS

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Mr. ERNST, from the Committee on Patents, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8550]

The Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8550), to authorize the appointment of a commission to select such of the Patent Office models for retention as are deemed to be of value and historical interest and to dispose of said models, and for other purposes, report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the bill do pass.

The attention of the members of the Senate Committee on Patents was called to a letter from the Hon. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Patents, in which Secretary Work asked for early and favorable consideration on H. R. 8550.

Secretary Work explained in his letter to Chairman Ernst that the object of H. R. 8550 is to effect economies through the solving of the problem of the transferring, storing, and exhibiting of Patent Office models, which since 1894 have cost over \$200,000.

The Interior Department now faces a request for rental in excess of \$150 per month, which it is now paying for a portion of a building on G Street NW. occupied by these old models.

If the bill could be passed in the Senate, it is suggested, without any delay, and no opposition is known to it, according to Secretary Work, an estimate could be submitted at once to cover the cost of a commission provided for in the bill, and in that way the rental problem would be solved.

Following this statement of the situation the committee unanimously authorized the chairman to report the bill.

